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MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

*New Delhi, the 11th December, 1963*

SUBJECT:—*Aid Programme—United States—Chartering of Ocean vessels and embargo on certain vessels for transport of AID financed goods.*

No. 150-ITC(PN)/63.—Attention of all importers holding import licences issued under the United States Aid Loans (formerly D.L.F.) is invited to Public Notice No. 32-ITC(PN)/63 dated the 16th April, 1963, on the above subject wherein the first list of vessels declared as ineligible to carry AID-financed goods was notified. Additions to this list have been notified from time to time. For the convenience of importers a consolidated list of vessels declared ineligible to carry AID-financed goods was also notified in Public Notice No. 144-ITC(PN)/63 dated 20th November, 1963. Further additions/alterations to the list were also to be notified from time to time.

2. It has been represented that the letters of credit opened by Indian banks against AID Loan licences have to be amended several times in order to incorporate therein the names of all the ineligible vessels notified from time to time and that this is highly inconvenient. Besides the list of such vessels is subject to change without notice. The matter has, therefore, been considered further and it has been decided that the letters of credit opened on U.S. Banks may, instead of detailing the list of ineligible vessels, stipulate, *inter alia*, for the production of the following certificate:—

“The vessel owner or operator certifies that the vessel which will perform under this contract is not a vessel which has been banned by AID for transporting AID-financed goods. The vessel owner or operator further certifies that they assume full responsibility for any claim filed by AID/Washington or any other authority in case of violation of the requirement.”

3. The particulars of vessels declared as ineligible to carry AID-financed goods will, however, continue to be notified as heretofore for the guidance of all concerned.

4. Chartering of ocean vessels for the carriage of AID-financed commodities will require the approval of AID, *in advance*, as already notified in paragraph 2 of Public Notice No. 32-ITC(PN)/63 dated the 16th April, 1963.

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